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## Letter dated 24 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Austria addressed to the Secretary General

Please find enclosed (see annex) a letter by Mr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Austrian Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union, for circulation as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 93 (e).

(*Signed*) Ernst **Sucharipa**
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# Annex

## Letter dated 24 September 1998 from the President of the Council of the European Union addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you on behalf of the European Union regarding the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries. The General Assembly, at its fifty-second session, decided to convene this Conference at a high level in the year 2001.

The European Union attaches the utmost importance to the sustainable economic and social development of the least developed countries, to the eradication of the widespread poverty existing in those countries and to their progressive and gradual integration into the world economy. It is therefore my particular pleasure to inform you that the European Union would be prepared to host this Conference in the first semester of the year 2001, subject to formalizing agreements regarding organizational matters.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 3 (e).

(*Signed*) Wolfgang **Schüssel**
President of the Council of the European Union